



E.A.S.Y. Frequently Asked Questions

What is E.A.S.Y.?

Senate Bill 58, Eliminate Alcohol Sales to Youth, was passed by the 2006 Legislature. It may be viewed in its entirety at the Legislature's website: www.le.state.ut.us The law:

- Limits youth access to alcohol at Off Premise Beer Retailers
- Requires mandatory and standardized training for all grocery and convenience store employees who sell beer or directly supervise the sale of beer
- Funds a statewide media and education campaign to alert youth, parents, and communities of the dangers of alcohol to the developing teen brain and increased addiction from early use.

When does the E.A.S.Y. legislation go into effect?

July 1, 2006

Who will provide the mandatory training to sales clerks and supervisors?

The State Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health will *not* be conducting these seminars. The Division will "certify" providers to conduct these seminars. As providers are approved and certified, their names will be added to the "Approved/Certified Providers" list on our website <http://www.dsamh.utah.gov>. It is up to individuals and/or their employer to contact an approved provider and arrange training.

How soon do employees need to complete this training?

For clerks and supervisors currently employed by a convenience or grocery store, training must be completed by October 1, 2006. Any individual hired and employed after September 1, 2006, must complete the training within 30 days.

Is this training a one-time event or do I need to recertify?

Once you have completed the Off Premise Retailer Alcohol Training and Education Seminar your certification is good for 5 years unless you receive a penalty for selling to minors. Those penalties are outlined completely in the bill.

Is this the same training as Alcohol Beverage Server?

No. Alcohol Beverage Server training covers the sale/supervision of sale of alcohol for "On Premise" use in restaurants, clubs, taverns and bars. It does not cover the sale or supervision of a sale in convenience or grocery stores.

My local city or county government has already required that I be trained for off premise sales of alcohol. How does this State law effect my certification and do I need to be retrained?

It depends. In order for your certification to remain in effect, the individual or company that initially certified you, must become an approved/certified provider through the state and submit a plan to educate you on the new administrative and civil penalties. If your

provider completes these requirements, your certification is good until January 2008. If your provider does not complete these requirements, you will need to be retrained by a State approved/certified provider. Check with your trainer to determine whether your certification will remain in effect.

How do I become an “Approved/Certified Provider”?

Complete the application for Off Premise Retailer Alcohol Training and Education Seminar Provider. Submit the application and your curriculum to the State Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health. The application form can be obtained on the Division website.

As a provider applicant, where can I find the information regarding the effects of alcohol on the developing youth brain and statistical information required in the training?

All the information required for the training can be found in the brochures on the Division website, <http://www.dsamh.utah.gov>

If I have more questions about E.A.S.Y., whom do I contact?

You can contact the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health at 801-538-3939.

If I have more questions about Utah’s Alcohol laws, whom do I contact?

You can contact the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control at 801-977-6800.